

PUR

Embold tuffs, flow'rs *purpled* blue and white,
Like sapphire, pearl, in rich embroidery,
Buckled below fair knighthood's bending knee. *Shaksp.*
Iris there with humid bow,
Waters the odorous banks that blow
Flowers of more mingled hew,
Than her *purpled* caril can shew. *Milton.*
In velvet white as snow the troop was gown'd,
Their hoods and sleeves the same, and *purpled* o'er
With diamonds. *Dryden.*

PURPLE. *n. f.* [*purpille*, Fr. from the verb.] A border of
PURPLE. *s. embroder.*

PURGATION. *n. f.* [*purgatio*, Fr. *purgatio*, Lat.]

1. The act of cleansing or purifying from vicious mixtures.

We do not suppose the separation finished, before the purgation of the air began. *Burnet's Theory of the Earth.*

2. The act of cleansing the body by downward evacuation.

Let the physician apply himself more to purgation than to alteration, because the offence is in quantity. *Bacon.*

3. The act of clearing from imputation of guilt.

If any man doubt, let him put me to my purgation. *Shaksp.*

Proceed in justice, which shall have due course, *Shaksp.*

Even to the guilt or the purgation. *Shaksp.*

PURGATIVE. *adj.* [*purgativus*, Fr. *purgativus*, Lat.] Cathartic; having the power to cause evacuations downward.

Purging medicines have their purgative virtue in a fine spirit, they endure not boiling without loss of virtue. *Bacon.*

All that is fill'd, and all that which doth fill

All the round world, to man is but a pill;

In all it works not, but it is in all

Poisonous, or purgative, or cordial. *Donne.*

Lenient purgatives evacuate the humours. *Wifeman.*

PURGATORY. *n. f.* [*purgatorium*, Fr. *purgatorium*, Lat.] A place in which souls are supposed by the papists to be purged by fire from carnal impurities, before they are received into heaven.

Thou thy folk, through pains of purgatory,
Dost bear unto thy bliss. *Spenser's Hymn on Love.*

In this age, there may be as great instances produced of real charity, as when men thought to get souls out of purgatory. *Stillington.*

To PURGE. *v. a.* [*purger*, Fr. *purge*, Lat.]

1. To cleanse; to clear.

It will be like that labour of Hercules, in purging the stable of Augeas, to separate from superfluous observations any thing that is clean and pure natural. *Bacon.*

2. To clear from impurities.

To the English court assemble now

From every region apes of idleness;

Now neighbour confines *purge* you of your scum. *Shaksp.*

Air ventilates and cools the mines, and *purges* and frees them from mineral exhalations. *Woodward.*

3. To clear from guilt.

Blood hath been shed ere now, i' th' olden time

Ere human statute *purged* the gen'ral weal. *Shaksp.*

My soul is *purged* from grudging hate;

And with my hand I feel my true heart's love. *Shaksp.*

The blood of Christ shall *purge* our conscience from dead works to serve God. *Heb. ix. 14.*

Syphax, we'll join our cares to *purge* away

Our country's crimes, and clear her reputation. *Addison.*

4. To clear from imputation of guilt.

He, I accuse,

Intends t' appear before the people, hoping

To *purge* himself with words. *Shaksp. Coriolanus.*

Marquis Dorset was hasting towards him, to *purge* himself of some accusation. *Bacon's Henry VII.*

5. To sweep or put away impurities.

I will *purge* out from among you the rebels. *Ezek. xx. 38.*

Simplicity and integrity in the inward parts, may *purge* out every prejudice and passion. *Decay of Piety.*

6. To evacuate the body by stool.

Sir Philip Calthrop *purged* John Drakes, the shoemaker of Norwich, of the proud humour. *Camden's Remains.*

The frequent and wise use of emaciating diets, and of *purgings*, is a principal means of a prolongation of life. *Bacon.*

If he was not cured, he *purged* him with salt water. *Arbutnot.*

7. To clarify; to defecate.

To PURGE. *v. n.* To have frequent stools.

PURGE. *n. f.* [from the verb.] A cathartic medicine; a medicine that evacuates the body by stool.

Meet we the medicine of the sickly weal,

And with him pour we in our country's *purge*

Each drop of us. *Shaksp.*

Pills nor laxatives I like;

Of these his gain the sharp physician makes,

And often gives a *purge*, but seldom takes. *Dryden.*

He was no great friend to purging and clifters; he was for mixing aloes with all *purges*. *Arbutnot.*

PURGER. *n. f.* [from *purge*.]

1. One who clears away any thing noxious.

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This shall make

Our purpose necessary, and not curious;

We shall be call'd *purgers*, not murderers. *Shaksp.*

2. Purge; cathartic.

It is of good use in physick, if you can retain the purging

virtue, and take away the unpleasant taste of the *purger*. *Lat.*

PURIFICATION. *n. f.* [*purificatio*, Fr. *purificatio*, Lat.]

1. The act of making pure; act of cleansing from extraneous mixture.

I discerned a considerable difference in the operations of several kinds of saltpetre, even after purification. *Boyle.*

2. The act of cleansing from guilt.

The sacraments, in their own nature, are just such as they

seem, water, and bread, and wine; but because they are

made signs of a secret mystery, and water is the symbol of

purification of the soul from sin, and bread and wine, of

Christ's body and blood; therefore the symbols receive the

names of what they sign. *Taylor's Worshy Communicant.*

3. A rite performed by the Hebrews after childbearing.

PURIFICATORY. *adj.* [from *purify*.] Having power or ten-

dency to make pure.

PURIFIER. *n. f.* [from *purify*.] Cleaner; refiner.

He shall fit as a refiner and purifier of silver. *Mal. iii. 3.*

TO PURIFY. *v. a.* [*purifier*, Fr. *purifier*, Lat.]

1. To make pure.

2. To free from any extraneous admixture.

If any bad blood should be left in the kingdom, an honour-

able foreign war will vent or *purify* it. *Bacon's Henry VII.*

The mass of the air was many thousand times greater than

the water, and would in proportion require a greater time to

be *purified*. *Burnet's Theory of the Earth.*

By chase our long-liv'd fathers earn'd their food,

Toil thrung the nerves, and *purified* the blood. *Dryden.*

3. To make clear.

It ran upon to fine and delicate ground, as one could not

easily judge, whether the river did more wash the gravel, or

the gravel did *purify* the river. *Silney, b. ii.*

4. To free from guilt or corruption.

He gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all

iniquity, and *purify* unto himself a peculiar people. *Tit. ii. 14.*

If God gives grace, knowledge will not stay long behind;

since it is the same spirit and principle that *purifies* the heart,

and clarifies the understanding. *South's Sermon.*

5. To free from pollution, as by lustration.

There were set six water pots of stone, after the manner of

the *purifying* of the Jews. *Jn. ii. 6.*

6. To clear from barbarisms or improprieties.

He saw the French tongue abundantly *purified*. *Spratt.*

TO PURIFY. *v. n.* To grow pure.

We do not suppose the separation of these two liquors

wholly finished, before the purification of the air began, though

let them begin to *purify* at the same time. *Burnet.*

PURIST. *n. f.* [*puriste*, Fr.] One superstitiously nice in the use

of words.

PURITAN. *n. f.* [from *pure*.] A sectary pretending to emi-

nent purity of religion.

The schism which the papists on the one hand, and the

superstition which the *puritan* on the other, lay to our charge,

are very justly chargeable upon themselves. *Sanderfon.*

PURITANICAL. *adj.* [from *puritan*.] Relating to puritans.

Such guides set over the several congregations will mislead

them, by infilling into them *puritanical* and superstitious prin-

ciples, that they may the more securely exercise their preb-

terian tyranny. *Walters.*

PURITANISM. *n. f.* [from *puritan*.] The notions of a puritan.

A serious and impartial examination of the grounds, as

well of popery as *puritanism*, according to that measure of

understanding God hath afforded me. *Walters.*

PURITY. *n. f.* [*puritas*, Fr. *puritas*, Lat.]

1. Cleanness; freedom from foulness or dirt.

Her urn

Pours streams select, and purity of waters. *Prior.*

From the body's purity, the mind

Receives a secret aid. *Thomson's Summer.*

2. Freedom from guilt; innocence.

Death sets us safely on shore in our long-expected Canaan,

where there are no temptations, no danger of falling, but

eternal purity and immortal joys secure our innocence and

happinefs for ever. *Wake's Preparation for Death.*

3. Chastity; freedom from contamination of sexes.

Could I come to her with any detection in my hand, I could

drive her then from the ward of her purity, her reputation,

and her marriage vow. *Shaksp. Merry Wives of Windsor.*

PURL. *n. f.* [this is justly supposed by *Mingana* to be contracted

from *purfle*.]

1. An embroidered and puckered border.

Himself came in next after a triumphant chariot made of

carnation velvet, enriched with *purle* and pearl. *Silney.*

The jagging of pinks is like the inequality of oak leaves;

but they seldom have any small *purle*. *Bacon.*

2. [I know not whence derived.] A kind of medicated male

liquors, in which wormwood and aromatics are infused.

To PURLE.

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To PURLE. *v. n.* [of this word it is doubtful what is the primitive signification; if it is referred originally to the appearance of a quick stream, which is always dimpled on the surface, it may come from *purle*, a *pucker* or *fringe*; but if, as the use of authors seem to show, it relates to the sound, it must be derived from *perle*, Swedish, to *murmur*, according to Mr. Lye.] To murmur; to flow with a gentle noise.

Tones are not so apt to procure sleep, as some other sounds; as the wind, the *purle* of water, and humming of bees.

Instruments that have returns, as trumpets; or flexions, as cornets; or are drawn up, and put from, as *facbuts*, have a *purle* sound; but the recorder or flute, that have none of these inequalities, give a clear sound.

All fish from sea or shore,

Frethet, or *purle* brook, or shell or fin. *Milton.*

My flow'ry theme,

A painted mistress, or a *purle* stream. *Pope.*

Around th' adjoining brook, that *purle* along

The vocal grove, now fretting o'er a rock. *Thomson.*

TO PURLE. *v. a.* To decorate with fringe or embroidery.

When was old Sherwood's head more quaintly cur'd,

Or nature's cradle more enchas'd and *purle*d. *B. Johnson.*

TO PURLE. *v. a.* The grounds on the borders of a forest; border; inclosure.

In the *purle* of this forest stands

A sheepcote, fence'd about with olive trees. *Shaksp.*

Such civil matters fall within the *purle* of religion. *L'Estr.*

To understand all the *purle* of this place, and to illustrate this subject, I must venture myself into the haunts of beauty and gallantry.

He may be left to rot among thieves in some stinking jail, merely for mistaking the *purle* of the law. *Swift.*

A party next of glitt'ring dames,

Thrown round the *purle* of St. James,

Came early out. *Swift.*

PURLINS. *n. f.* In architecture, those pieces of timber that lie across the rafters on the inside, to keep them from sinking in the middle of their length. *Bailey.*

TO PURLOIN. *v. a.* [this word is of doubtful etymology. *Skinner* deduces it from *pur* and *loin*, French; Mr. Lye from *purloin*, Saxon, to lie hid.] To steal; to take by theft.

He, that brave fied there finding ready dight,

*Purloin*d both fied and spear, and ran away full light. *F. 2.*

The Arimaspian by stealth

Had, from his waked custody, *purloin*d

The guarded gold. *Milton.*

They not content like felons to *purloin*,

Add treason to it, and debate the coin. *Denham.*

Some writers make all ladies *purloin*d,

And knights *purloining* like a whirlwind. *Hudibras.*

When did the muse from Fletcher scenes *purloin*,

As thou whole Eth'ridge dost transmute to thine? *Dryden.*

Your butler *purloins* your liquor, and the brewer sells your hog-walh.

Prometheus once this chain *purloin*d,

Disolv'd, and into money coin'd. *Swift.*

PURLOINER. *n. f.* [from *purloin*.] A thief; one that steals clandestinely.

It may seem hard, to see publick *purloiners* sit upon the lives of the little ones, that go to the gallows. *L'Estrange.*

PURPARTY. *n. f.* [*purpart*, Fr.] Share; part in division.

Each of the coparceners had an entire county allotted for her *purparty*. *Davies on Ireland.*

PURPLE. *adj.* [*purpure*, Fr. *purpureus*, Lat.]

1. Red tinged with blue.

The poop was beaten gold,

Purple the sails, and so perfumed, that

The winds were love-sick with e'm. *Shaksp.*

You violets, that first appear,

By your pure *purple* mantles known;

What are you when the rose is blown?

A small oval plate, cut off a flinty pebble, and polished, is prettily variegated with a pale grey, blue, yellow, and *purple*. *Woodward on Fossils.*

2. In poetry, red.

I view a field of blood,

And Tyber rolling with a *purple* flood.

Their mingled limbs

Crafting at once, death dyes the *purple* seas

With gore. *Thomson's Summer.*

TO PURPLE. *v. a.* [*purpure*, Lat.] To make red; to colour with purple.

Whilst your *purpled* hands do reek and smok,

Fulfil your pleasure. *Shaksp. Julius Caesar.*

Cruel and fuddain, hast thou since

Purpled thy nail in blood of innocence?

Though fall'n on evil days,

In darkness, and with dangers compass'd round,

And solitude! yet, not alone, while thou

Vist'rt my slumbers nightly; or when morn